

2008-2009 Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary Schools Award Program

Elementary School Cycle

EVENT	DATE
Application Preparation	April – September 2008
There will not be any trainings scheduled to assist with the preparation of the 2008-2009 application, but a coaching DVD is available upon request. Contact Joni Lindeman at 517-373-4213 for more information.	
Technical Assistance Available to School Buildings by Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Members – Schedules Permitting	April – September 2008
Applications Due at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE)	Monday, September 29, 2008* 4:00 p.m.
Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Meeting, MDE	Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Applications Assigned and Mailed to Readers	Monday, October 13, 2008
Review Panel Meeting in Lansing	Wednesday, November 5, 2008
Applications & Review Panel Recommendations prepared for the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, November 11, 2008
Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Meeting, MDE	Tuesday, November 18, 2008
Site Visitation Teams Notified of Their Assignments & Materials Sent to Team Leaders	Wednesday, November 19, 2008
Applicant Schools Notified of Their Status	Wednesday, November 19, 2008
Site Visitations Conducted	November 24 to December 19, 2008
Visitation Team Report Submitted to MDE	Monday, January 5, 2009
Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Meets to Review Site Visit Reports & Selects 2008-2009 Blue Ribbon Schools, MDE	Thursday, January 8, 2009
State 2008-2009 Blue Ribbon Schools Announced	February 2009 State Board of Education Meeting
On-Site, Local School Building Ceremonies	March – April 2009

Send applications by mail to:
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***Deadline for applications is Monday, September 29, 2008, by the close of business.**

Applications postmarked Thursday, September 25, 2008, or before, will be accepted.